THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Imports of individual companies are not monitored by the Department.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, information is required to be given in respect of certain types of imports, However, response from the Industry in this regard has been lukewarm.

(e) On receipt of the complaints, the matter was rererred to the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence for appropriate necessary action.

Recovery of amount by collectors

650. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 404 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of companies amounts involved, date of reference have so far been made to the collector for recovery after the inception of DPCO 1979;

(b) whethter it is a fact that provision is available under Essential Commodities Act to recover amount due;

(c) what are the details of cases where assessment of liabilities have been made and what are the reasons for not referring those cases for recovery to collector; and

(d) since when the matter is pending any by when final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Since the DPCO 1979 became operative from 1-4-79, the effort involved in the collection and compilation of the desired information for the last about 12 years would not be commensurate with the results achieved. It may, however, be mentioned that such a step has been taken only in a few cases since 1-4-79.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The company-wise details of the liabilities tentatively assessed so far are given in the Annexure (*See* Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 28] The question of recovering the amounts, alongwith interest, as arrears of land revenue, by referring the matter to the collector concerned, is under consideration.

Proper use of amount available into DPEA

651. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 400 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amounts available into DPEA can only be used for payments relating to difference in relation pooled and common sale prices and expenses for adminsitering DPEA;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds cannot be used for any other purpose,

(c) what is the legal position in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that payments made to Bhatti Committee from DPEA account is without any authority of Law;

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to deposit the money into DPEA account which was wrongly drawn from this account;

(f) whether Government have taken the opinion of controller of Finance or Financial Adviser in this case; and

(g) if so, when and what was the opinion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAI AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (g) The matter will be further examined and the information will be laid on the table of the House, as soon as possible.

Current price of Analgin

652. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
CHOWIHURY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 402 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current price of Analgin as fixed by Government is. Rs. 251 per Kg.;

(b) when this price was fixed and when formulation price were reduced and what is the gap period between the two;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to this lapse on the part of Government M/s. Hoechst have gained rupees twenty five lacs per month; and

(d) when Government have taken any steps to investigate the matter and identify the persons and fix responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The price of bulk drug Analgin at Rs. 251/- per kg. was fixed on 26-2-1991 For the prices of Analgin based formulations on this price, BICP pointed out certain anomalies and sought clarifications thereon from the Department. The matter is under examination.

Details of complaints against companies

653. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 403 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the details of complaints in regard to companies and products are not based on facts;

(b) what are the details of cases of overcharging where action under Essential Commodities Act have been taken;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have received complaints of overcharging of prices of Ephedrine, Ampicillin formulations, Metronidazole and its injections. Paracetamol, Fluocinolone, Acetomide formulations and Dexamethasone formulations;

(d) if so, what are the details of each and what action has been taken so far;

(e) what are the details of Pre-August 1987 cases relating to overcharging which are still pending with Government;

(f) whether it is a fact that companies did not proivde details of overcharging to Government; and

(g) whether any steps are being taken not to allow price revision to them till they give the date of overcharging?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (g) As and when any complaint of overcharging is received, the same is sent to the State Drug Control Administration for investigation. In case the facts are found to be correct after due investigation, further action under DPCO 1987 as well as Essential Commodities Act as the case may be is initiated by the Department. Complaints of overcharging of Ephedrine, Metronidazole formulations, Paracetamol, Fluocinolone Acetonide and Dexamethasone formulations have been received which are under consideration of this Department. The requisite details of cases of overcharging prior to August 87 are being given in answer to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 650 answered on 5-9-1991.

Increase in the Trade Commission

654. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 400 given in the Rajya Sabha on the